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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.143**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 24, 2003, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group VIII, claims 20 and 23, drawn to a method for identifying agonists or antagonists, which inhibit protein degradation.

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